Subsidy for sports goods

*180. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for subsidizing sports goods for training and practice of certain categories of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy spent by Government for last three years, sport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is implementing a Scheme for assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), under which assistance is provided for the purchase of sports equipment/sports sciences equipment for training/competition up to 75 per cent of the cost subject of receipt of viable proposals.

Central Assistance provided to the recognized Sports Federation for purchase of sports equipments up to 75% of the cost under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations is as under:—

Central assistance released (in Rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of the Federation	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Gymnastic Federation of India	54,45,975		
2.	Fencing Federation of India	46,37,348		
3.	Table Tennis Federation of India	17,81,583		
4.	Yachting Association of India		38,66,552	2,15,476
5.	Squash Rackets Federation of India	73,65,318	7,70,412	87,36,280

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Badminton Association of India	27,56,636/-	59,76,390/-	35,20.500/-
7.	Archery Association of India ...		37,22,971/-	
8.	Wrestling Fedration of India		4.19,194/-	9,56,625/-
9.	Rowing Federation of India ...			71,28,217/-

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

intimation of policy decisions and programmes to PMO

1019. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice, convention and rules of our Cabinet system of governance imply, *inter-alia* that policy decisions and programmes, when framed by Ministries and Departments, are intimated to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) well before their introductions;

(b) whether the same is being done away with;

(c) if so, the rationale thereof; and

(d) if not the veracity of recent newspaper reports in the Press suggesting that PMO has been writing since 3rd September, 2004 repeatedly to various Ministries/Departments highlighting the growing practice of informing the PMO of policy decisions at the last moments only before their scheduled official announcements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The business of the Government of India is transacted in accordance with the rules framed under Article 77(3) of the Constitution of India and accordingly, the business allotted to a Ministry/Department is disposed of by or under the general or special directions of the Minister-in-Charge except in cases, where the business of Dther Departments/Ministers is impacted, or where the issues require approval of the Prime Minister, the President or the Cabinet and its committees or where the Minister-in-Charge of a Department/Ministry may, in view of the importance of the subject, desire such matter(s) to be placed before the Prime Minister, the Cabinet or its Committees. However, as the Head of the Government, the Prime Minister regularly interacts with other members of the Council of Ministers on various issues. Further,